

PALM SUNDAY



Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Zechariah 9:9

ORDER OF WORSHIP

MARCH 29, 2026
PALM SUNDAY

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

People: This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Minister: Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!

People: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

❖ ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS NAME

CORONATION, Edward Parronet & Oliver Holden

All hail the power of Jesus' name, let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all
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Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all
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Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball
To him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all
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O that with yonder sacred throng, we at his feet may fall
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all
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❖ PRAYER OF ADORATION

O Lord Jesus Christ, on this day you received the worship of those who hailed you as their King:

Accept our praise and adoration, our worship and love; and grant that we, who now confess you with our lips, may never fail to give you the service of our lives, for the honor of your holy name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

Minister: Who is Jesus and why did he come?

All: He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

❖ CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

DIADEMATA, Matthew Bridges and George J. Elvey

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me:
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

I SHALL NOT WANT

Bryan Brown and Audrey Assad

From the love of my own comfort
From the fear of having nothing
From a life of worldly passions
Deliver me O God

From the need to be understood
From a need to be accepted
From the fear of being lonely
Deliver me O God, deliver me O God

Chorus:

*And I shall not want, no I shall not want
When I taste your goodness I shall not want
When I taste your goodness I shall not want*

From the fear of serving others
From the fear of death or trial
From the fear of humility
Deliver me O God, deliver me O God (*Ch*)

*No I shall not want, no I shall not want
When I taste your goodness I shall not want
When I taste your goodness I shall not want*

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, we confess our hands are not clean, our hearts are not pure. Forgive our sins and keep our faith constant, O Lord. Lead us always to a deeper experience of your love. Enliven us by the familiar, but always new, story of shame and triumph, suffering and hope, that this holy week reveals. Mold us to the ways of the Servant whose life we honor this morning. In the name of Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

❖ WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD

Acts 10:43

Minister: All the prophets testify about Christ that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

People: Thanks be to God for his forgiveness!

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you!

THE OFFERING

“SINFONIA” (OVERTURE)

George Frederic Handel, arr. Kenneth Abeling

String Quartet

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON

“The Covenant God”
Leviticus

Rev. John Trapp

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion is an opportunity for all of us to seek the Lord. It is an occasion for baptized Christians to be strengthened by our Savior. All who trust alone in Christ as Savior and Lord, are members in good standing of a church that embraces the gospel, live at peace with their neighbor, and seek strength to live more faithfully are welcome to come forward to partake. If you are not a Christian, have not been admitted to the Lord's table, or choose not to partake you are welcome to come forward with your arms crossed in front of your body to receive a blessing.

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: *Christ has died.*

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Minister: O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

People: **Have mercy on us.**

Minister: O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

People: **Have mercy on us.**

Minister: O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

People: **Grant us your peace.**

Minister: Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God.

During communion, wine and grape juice are served.

Grape juice, in a purple cup, is available upon request.

All communion bread is gluten-free.

Please let an usher know if it is difficult for you to come forward.

Prayer of Seeking Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior. Amen.

HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

Ada Habershon and Matt Merker

When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

Chorus:

*He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast*

Those he saves are his delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in his holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His promises shall last
Bought by him at such a cost
He will hold me fast (*Ch*)

For my life he bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with him to endless life
He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight
When he comes at last (*Ch 2x*)

HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED

Sandra McCracken and James Montgomery

Chorus:

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son
Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun
His reign on earth begun*

He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free
To take away transgression and rule in equity (*Ch*)
He comes with comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong
To help the poor and needy and bid the weak be strong
To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light
Whose souls condemned and dying were precious in his sight (*Ch*)
He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers spring in his path to birth
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove
His Name shall stand forever, that Name to us is Love (*Ch*)

❖ **BENEDICTION**

Minister: To the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God,
be honor and glory forever and ever.

People: Praise be to our God and King.

Minister: May the Lord bless you and keep you.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

❖ **DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDETH, Louis Bourgeois's Genevan Psalter, Thomas Ken

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Amen

Worship Leaders

Sam Cornelius	<i>guitar</i>
Stacey Croft	<i>liturgy</i>
Joe Deegan	<i>guitar & vocals</i>
Kim Dolibois	<i>prayer</i>
Conrad Guthrie	<i>bass</i>
Clay Holland	<i>liturgy</i>
Travis Henthorn	<i>drums</i>
Michelle Hays	<i>violin</i>
Emily Cagle	<i>vocals</i>
John Trapp	<i>sermon</i>
Steven Wiggs	<i>cello</i>
Jenny Yang	<i>piano</i>

Audio/Visual Team

Amy Curry	<i>projections</i>
Quin Gomez-Wright	<i>camera</i>
Madelyn Landis	<i>camera</i>
Ryan Landis	<i>video director</i>
Namath Naif	<i>technical director</i>
Alex Rollo	<i>Spanish translation</i>
Clara Whites	<i>camera</i>

*Welcome! We are so glad you are with us today.
For a full list of upcoming events,
please visit christtheking.com.*

Sunday Morning at Christ the King

9:00 am
Worship Service

Nursery Care
8 weeks - PreK

Children's Worship
K-2nd grade
Children will be dismissed from
the worship service.

Adult Sunday Morning Class
(Room A301, 3rd Floor)

10:30 am
Worship Service

Nursery Care
8 weeks - 1 year

Sunday School
2 - 4 years old (1st floor)
K - 3rd grade (2nd floor)
Code 45 - 4th & 5th grade
(Through the Great Hall,
and up the stairs)

Student Ministry
Sunday Mornings
6th - 12th grade
(3rd floor)

Adult Sunday Morning Class
(The Redeemer Room, 3rd Floor)

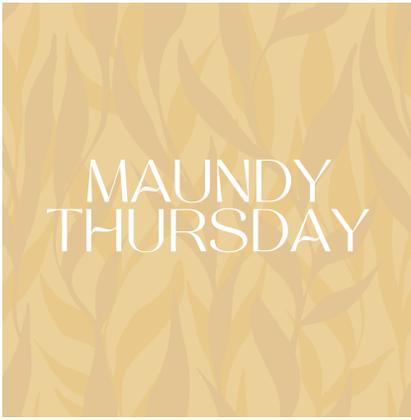
Adult Sunday Morning Classes

Ecclesiastes

Ecclesiastes is a book that addresses some of life's most practical and persistent questions. We're all searching for the right mix of things that will make life feel full and meaningful, and we're surrounded by advice on how to get there. This class will explore a surprising perspective on wisdom—one that doesn't promise perfection, but invites honesty about our limits and our need for God. Everyone is welcome.

Upcoming Events

Today	Spring Picnic	11:45 am - 2:15 pm	The Fields
4/2	Maundy Thursday Service	7:00 pm	The Sanctuary
4/3	Building Toward the Promise Day of Prayer and Fasting		
4/3	Good Friday Services	5:30 & 7:00 pm	The Sanctuary
4/3	Stations of the Cross	5:30 pm	The Great Hall
4/5	Easter Sunday	8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am	The Sanctuary
4/8	Women's Spring Luncheon	11:30 am - 1:00 pm	The Great Hall
4/14	Men's Breakfast	6:30 - 7:30 am	The Great Hall
4/16	Made with Love Meal Prep	9:30 am or 6:30 pm	The Kitchen
4/24	Crawfish Boil	6:00 - 8:00 pm	The Fields



Maundy Thursday Service

April 2, 7:00 pm, Christ the King

Maundy Thursday commemorates Jesus washing the feet of his disciples after his final Passover meal with them and giving them a new commandment (mandatum): to love one another as he had loved them. Join us for this special service as we reflect on the teachings and actions of Jesus on the night before his death.

Spanish translation will be available. Childcare will not be available.



Day of Prayer & Fasting for the Capital Campaign

April 3

As we continue in our Building Toward the Promise Capital Campaign, we invite our church family to come together in prayer and fasting. This is a chance to lift our eyes, remember who is leading us, and ask the Lord to shape our hearts as he shapes the future of our church. Whether you fast from food or simply set aside intentional time to pray, we hope you'll join us in seeking God together.



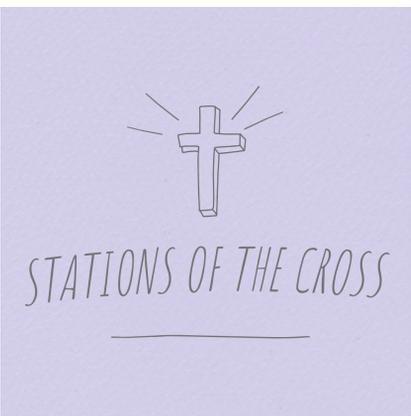
Good Friday Services

April 3, 5:30 & 7:00 pm, Christ the King

Join us for this special service as we continue walking through Jesus' last week on earth. Good Friday calls us to remember and reflect on the suffering and death of Jesus.

Spanish translation is available during the 7:00 pm service.

Childcare is available at 5:30 pm for infants - preK.



Stations of the Cross

April 3, 5:30 pm, The Great Hall

Children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade are invited to join us for Stations of the Cross during the 5:30 pm Good Friday service. Children will travel together through the milestone moments of Jesus' journey from his arrest to his entombment, pausing along the way to reflect and pray.

EASTER SUNDAY



Easter Services

April 5, 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am

Invite your friends, family and neighbors to join us as we celebrate our Lord's Resurrection!

- Childcare is available for infants through PreK during all three services.
- Children in K-2nd grade will be dismissed during the 9:30 service to attend Children's Worship.
- There will be no Sunday School classes for Kindergarten through adults.
- Spanish translation is available during the 11:00 am service.

Women's Spring Luncheon

April 8, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm, The Great Hall

Join the women of Christ the King for lunch, fellowship, and encouragement. Invite a friend to come with you and enjoy this meaningful time together. Childcare will be available with registration at christtheking.com/women.



Men's Breakfast

April 14, 6:30 - 7:30 am, The Great Hall

Start your morning with breakfast, powerful stories of how God is at work, and a room full of guys who want to grow in faith and friendship. The Men's Breakfast is a meaningful way to kick off your day. Bring a friend, neighbor, or coworker—and come join us!



Vacation Bible School

June 15 - 19

Registration for Vacation Bible School is open! VBS is one of the most joyful weeks of the summer—a time filled with music, teaching, games, and meaningful connection as children grow in their understanding of God's love. We can't wait to welcome your children for a week that is both fun and deeply formative! Register today at christtheking.com/children.



Capital Campaign

Sign up for a Campaign Conversation

The Building Toward the Promise Capital Campaign isn't just about buildings—it's about relationships. That's why we want to meet with every person in our church family for a one-on-one visit. These conversations will give you a chance to hear the vision, celebrate what God is doing, ask questions, and pray together.



Care at Christ the King

Congregational Prayers

Can we pray for you? Let us know at christtheking.com/care or contact catherine.duffin@christtheking.com.

Deacons at Christ the King

The deacons come alongside our church body to assist with needs like encouragement and prayer, budgeting and financial coaching, and helping widows and elderly. If you have a need, or know of a need, please email them at deacons@christtheking.com.

The Barnabas Center

We are honored to help you find healing, understanding, and hope in your life and current circumstances through Christ-centered professional counseling. Please visit our website at barnabascenterhou.com for more information and to connect with a counselor.

Pastors at Christ the King

Our staff is excited to come alongside you as you grow in your worship of Christ and your love and care for one another. Please contact any of us with questions or needs.

You can find contact information for all of our staff and pastors at christtheking.com/staff.

Stacey Croft	Pastor, Adult Ministry
Clay Holland	Pastor, Family Ministry
Alex Martinez	Pastor, Latino Ministry
John Trapp	Senior Pastor
Andrés Zelaya	Pastor of the Latino Initiative & Church Plant Resident

Ministry Budget Update

2026 Ministry Budget	\$	7,888,564
Budgeted through 3/22	\$	1,786,090
Received as of 3/22	\$	1,232,434
Variance	\$	(553,656)

Giving to Christ the King

It is by your consistent generosity that we are able to support our Mission Partners in Houston and around the world and continue life changing ministry here at Christ the King. You can give today by placing checks or cash in the offering plate as it comes by. And you can always give at christtheking.com/giving.

